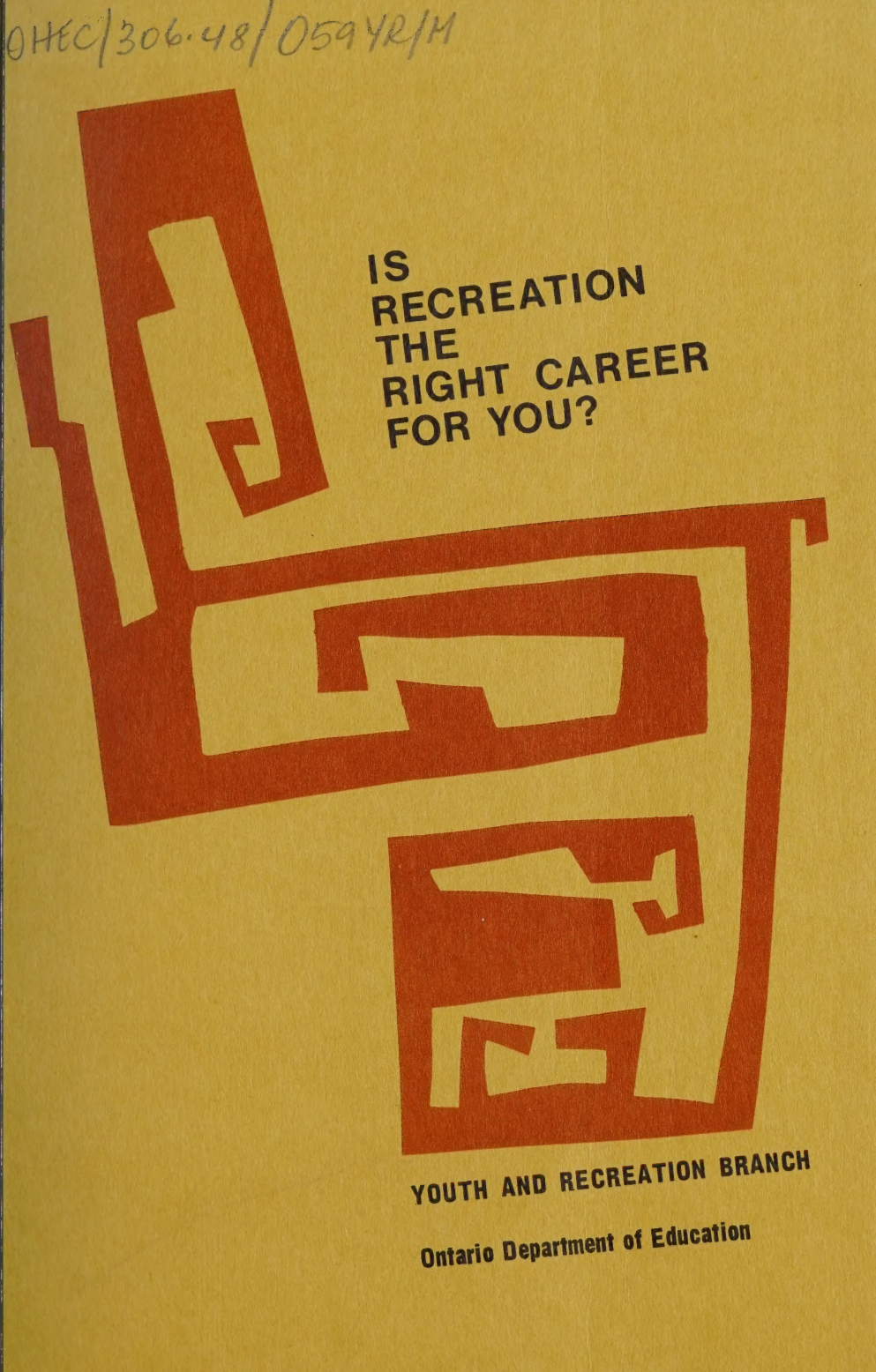


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**IS
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YOUTH AND RECREATION BRANCH

Ontario Department of Education

The Youth and Recreation Branch
of the Ontario Department of Education has
prepared this material to attract young people
to a challenging and rewarding career in recreation.
It is available in quantity from any of the District
Consultants who are located in Regional Offices.
For a list of these offices, see page 13.

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RECREATION — A NEW PROFESSION

Leisure, not work, challenges man today. Boredom from leisure, and the strains it places on family life, mental health and social well-being, cancels the benefits of freedom from labour. Change is inevitable, but man can shape his environment and find fulfillment through recreation. The recreationist, one who has studied the leisure sciences, is a professional person dedicated to providing enjoyment™ and this fulfillment through the creative and satisfying use of leisure.



THE FUTURE

The amount and importance of leisure is ever-increasing. Our democratic way of life requires a broad spectrum of activities and freedom of choice in leisure pursuits. In Ontario, demand exceeds the supply of qualified and educated recreationists who are dedicated to providing this choice. Predictions are that this imbalance will continue and likely increase.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The recreationist has a wide choice of jobs to match his interests and talents.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT: regional and program coordinators, district and program consultants, program specialists, activity advisors and facility managers for several departments.

COUNTY AND REGIONAL DEPARTMENTS: administrators, program coordinators and specialists, recruitment and training specialists for volunteers, recreation planners, resource specialists, facility managers and consultants for the educational system.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS: administrators, directors and assistant directors, activity and program specialists, program area directors, program supervisors, facility managers, directors of community and school centres.

YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES: program directors, district and program specialists with the YM and YWCA and YMHA centre, directors and counsellors for Boys' Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides.

INSTITUTIONAL RECREATION: directors for training centres and penal institutions, directors for provincial and private hospitals, program specialists in homes for the aged and centres for children.

SCHOOL RECREATION: administrators and program supervisors for both curricular and extra-curricular activities, directors of outdoor education centres.

ARMED SERVICES: Activity specialists, centre and community directors, training specialists for volunteer leaders.

COMMERCIAL RECREATION: administrators, program specialists with recreation clubs, resorts and high-rise apartments, salesmen of equipment and supplies, recreation consultants and planners.

REHABILITATIVE RECREATION: program specialists for the ill, handicapped and disabled, field staff for national, provincial and community agencies.

PRIVATE AGENCIES: directors of settlement houses and centres, program specialists and activity leaders.

CAMPING: directors, counsellors and program specialists for year-round outdoor recreation centres.

EDUCATORS: chairmen, professors and lecturers for programs at universities, chairmen and masters of programs at Community Colleges, superintendents for county boards.

RESEARCH: directors, researchers and data processors for educational, governmental and private research centres.



THERE IS WIDE VARIETY

Nowhere could you find greater variety of positions or diversity of responsibilities. The many things people do in their leisure represents the scope of the profession. Each agency has its own approach for programs and services; each serves its own segment of society. Program emphasis is constantly changing as the interests and habits of people shift from decade to decade.

SALARIES AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Job responsibilities are demanding. The hours are often long and may occur when others are enjoying their leisure. Operating and capital budgets are frequently inadequate. In spite of these shortcomings, the recreationist will be compensated by the enjoyment and satisfaction found within the job.

Salaries vary, depending upon the type of agency, geographic location, years of experience, level of education and responsibility accepted. Diploma graduates of a Community College can expect a minimum range of \$4,500 to \$6,000, with a maximum range of \$6,500 to \$9,000. University graduates will find a minimum range of \$5,500 to \$7,500 and a maximum range of \$10,000 to \$13,000. Some top positions in municipal recreation in Ontario have now reached \$18,000.

Teaching positions at colleges and universities range from \$9,000 to \$18,000. Job security, pension, benefits and status are comparable with other professions.

ADVANTAGES OF THE PROFESSION

Recreation is a new and expanding profession that offers creative and imaginative work. There is a cheerful, friendly atmosphere because those served are doing what they want to and enjoying it -- and so is the recreationist. The position is one of recognized importance in the community. Infinite variety is assured.

INSIGHTS REQUIRED

The recreationist is not as interested in the activity as in the effect it has on the individual. Leisure is to be used for creativity, physical and intellectual involvement and cultural development. An improved attitude, within an individual, often accompanies a new leisure experience especially when it has been professionally executed.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

These characteristics must be developed with training and experience.

a liking for people of all ages, beliefs,
ethnic origins and levels of skill

the ability to work effectively with others

emotional stability and maturity

a capacity to adapt, adjust and change

the ability to think, analyze and understand
the decision-making process

a sense of humour

ability to express thoughts and ideas
orally and by written word

a desire for continuous learning

good physical and mental health and vitality

The recreationist must have a personal philosophy that is based on sound moral-ethical concepts and mature beliefs and convictions.

PREPARATION FOR A CAREER

participate in extra-curricular activities throughout elementary and secondary school

volunteer as a leader for school, church and community activity and interest groups

take leadership courses whenever they are available

teach activity skills whenever the opportunity arises

work part-time in summer programs, for different agencies, with different age groups or groups with different levels of ability

choose a curriculum in the social sciences such as sociology, psychology, philosophy, anthropology, human growth and development.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Select your college or university program where field-work is well supervised and receives major emphasis.

Professional preparation is available in four-year programs at the Universities of Ottawa and Waterloo. The University of Guelph offers postgraduate study in resource management. Degree programs are being considered at other Ontario universities.

Nine Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology are now offering two-year diploma courses. These are: Algonquin (Ottawa), Cambrian (North Bay), Centennial (Scarborough), Conestoga (Kitchener), Confederation (Port Arthur), Fanshawe (London), Humber (Etobicoke), Mohawk (Hamilton), Sir Sandford Fleming (Peterborough)

Because university graduates are urgently needed in recreation, a one-year certificate course is offered at Conestoga College for those who have a degree in any discipline.

Postgraduate programs will soon be available at the Universities of Ottawa and Waterloo.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

University programs usually require grade 13 with a 60 per cent average. Community College courses require a grade 12 diploma from any option.

Leadership experience is required for acceptance in a diploma course.

Entrance to the one-year program at Conestoga College requires a degree from a Canadian university.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Financial assistance is available for those of high academic achievement or who wish to educate themselves for a professional career in recreation. The bursar or registrar of the college or university chosen will have the details.

CERTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Successful completion of a university program in recreation in Canada and employment in municipal recreation will provide an Interim "A" Municipal Recreation Director's Certificate. Successful completion of a diploma course in Ontario and employment in municipal recreation will provide an Interim "B" Municipal Recreation Director's Certificate. Both of these Interim Certificates can be made permanent after three years of successful experience. To convert a "B" certificate to an "A" certificate requires a university degree.

An Interim "A" certificate follows a degree plus the one year certificate course and employment in municipal recreation.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

A professional organization for all recreationists, the Ontario Recreation Society, is in its formative stage.



DECIDE NOW!

observe recreation leaders in action

visit your municipal recreation office and
youth serving agencies

discuss it with people in all types of recreation

talk it over with those in a recreation
department at a university or college

read interpretive books, for example
THE CHALLENGE OF LEISURE by Charles
Brightbill

ask questions of your guidance counsellor

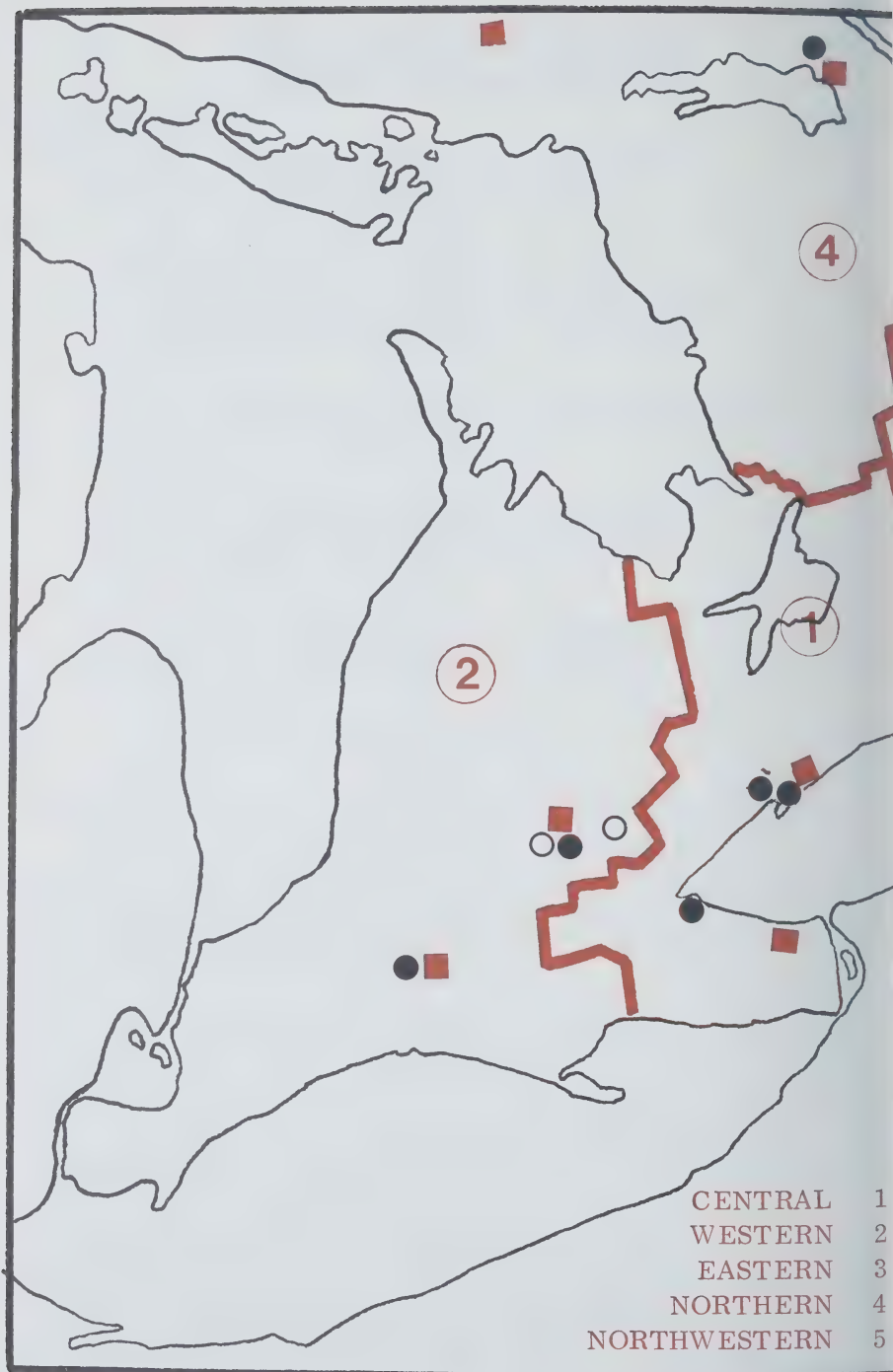
Set your sights on a challenging and rewarding career in
recreation. The profession needs you.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about recreation or a
career in recreation, contact your closest Youth and
Recreation Branch Office, or write to the Department
of Education, 559 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.

REGIONAL OFFICES OF YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL BRANCH

REGION 1	10 Water Street Port Arthur	344-9601
	18 King Street Dryden	223-2271
REGION 2	1349 Lasalle Boulevard Sudbury	566-3480
REGION 3	240 Algonquin Avenue North Bay	474-7210
REGION 4	Executive House, Suite 601-2 362 Dundas Street London	439-3181-3671
REGION 5	279 Weber Street North Waterloo	576-2512
	374 Seventh Avenue Box 340 Hanover	364-1626
REGION 6	15 Church Street, Suite 402 St. Catharines	684-1123
REGION 7	40 Eglinton Avenue East Toronto 315	365-5026
REGION 8	29 Gervais Drive, Suite 302 Don Mills	365-6166
REGION 9	1082 Princess Street Kingston	546-2641
	220 Dundas Street East Belleville	968-9800
REGION 10	1320 Carling Avenue Ottawa 3	722-6534



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